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SUBJECT: VISIT OF U.S. ILO REPRESENTATIVE DANIE HOROWITZ

MEETING WITH PRESIDENT SUDAN WORKERS TRADE UNION FEDERATION

REF: STATE 294250

1. DANIEL HOROWITZ, US REPRESENTATIVE TO ILO, MET
ABDALLA NASR GINAWI, PRESIDENT OF THE SUDAN WORKERS
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TRADE UNION FEDERATION (SWTUF) JAN 9. GINAWI'S FIRST
SUBSTANTIVE COMMENT WAS THAT SWTUF EXECUTIVE
COUNCIL ON DEC 21 HAD ADOPTED POLICY TO STRENGTHEN
TRADE UNION RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN SUDAN AND US.
THROUGHOUT MEETING, GINAWI REFERRED TO THIS
FUNDAMENTAL DECISION WHICH WAS MADE ONLY ABOUT ONE
WEEK AFTER INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE OF ARAB TRADE

UNIONS (ICATU) CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEETING IN KHARTOUM.

2. HOROWITZ REVIEWED IN DETAIL THE FOUR PRINCIPAL POINTS OF USG LETTER NOTIFYING ILO OF USG INTENTION TO WITHDRAW UNLESS CURRENT TRENDS WERE REVERSED. GINAWI TOOK PARTICULAR NOTE OF OUR OBJECTIONS TO ILO COUNCIL CONDEMNATIONS WITHOUT PRIOR INVESTIGATION AND THE INCREASING POLITICALIZATION OF ILO. HOROWITZ STRESSED VALUE WHICH USG ATTACHES TO THE ILO, THE IMPORTANT PURPOSES IT SERVES, AND HOW UNFORTUNATE IT WOULD BE IF USG FORCED TO WITHDRAW.

3. GINAWI REPLIED THAT SUDAN HAS NOTED AND CAREFULLY CONSIDERED THE POINTS MADE IN THE USG WITHDRAW MEMORANDUM. USG POSITION HAD BEEN DISCUSSED DURING SWTUF EXECUTIVE BUREAU AND CENTRAL COUNCIL MEETINGS IN DECEMBER. SWTUF FINDS DIALOGUE WITH USG ON THESE MATTERS USEFUL. THE FEDERATION AGREES THAT THE VARIOUS CATEGORIES OF REPRESENTATIVES SHOULD BE INDEPENDENT OF GOVERNMENT CONTROL AND THAT, MORE IMPORTANTLY, THE ILO MUST NOT BE INVOLVED IN POLITICS. ILO "MUST BE PUT IN ITS CORRECT POSITION." GINAWA SAID THAT SUDAN IS "NOT COMFORTABLE WHEN POLITICAL ISSUES ARE RAISED IN ILO." HE NOTED THAT ACTIVITIES OF RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE HAD BEEN SOURCE OF MANY DIFFICULTIES. SOME MEMBERS HAVE TRIED TO CREATE PROBLEMS BY INTRODUCING AND VOTING ON MEASURES AT END OF SESSIONS WHEN MANY MEMBERS HAD DEPARTED.

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4. GINAWI SAID SWTUF AGREES ON ALL POINTS RAISED IN US LETTER AND PROMISED THAT SUDAN WILL MAKE CONTACTS ON THESE ISSUES WITH OTHER ARAB AND AFRICAN FEDERATIONS. THEY WILL MAKE EFFORT IN THIS REGARD AT THE UPCOMING ARAB LABOR ORGANIZATION MEETING IN ALEXANDRIA IN MARCH.

5. GINAWI STATED EMPHATICALLY THAT ALTHOUGH THEY AGREE ON ALL OF THE SUBSTANTIVE POINTS IN THE US PRESENTATION, THEY MUST TAKE EXCEPTION ON ONE MAJOR ISSUE--SUDAN DOES NOT WANT THE US TO LEAVE ILO. US PARTICIPATION IS FOR EVERYONE'S BENEFIT.

6. COMMENT: WE BELIEVE THAT SWTUF POSITIVE RESPONSE TO OUR CONCERNS IN ILO PROBABLY IS INDICATION OF POSITIONS TAKEN BY MODERATES IN ICATU. GINAWI, IN OUR VIEW, IS NOT LIKELY TO TAKE POLICY INITIATIVES WITHOUT CONSULTING BOTH WITH OTHER ARABS AND GOS. HOROWITZ MEETINGS WITH GOS OFFICIALS BEING REPORTED SEPTTEL. BREWER

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